



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**

Portland District

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Application for Permit**

**Issue Date:** August 31, 2017

**Expiration Date:** October 2, 2017

**US Army Corps of Engineers No:** NWP-2000-39-3

**Oregon Department of State Lands No:** 60489-FP

### **30-Day Notice**

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Interested parties are hereby notified the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached plans. The Corps is soliciting comments on the proposed work.

**Applicant:** Port of Longview  
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**Location:** The project site is located in the Columbia River at river mile 62.7 on the north side of Lord Island near Dibblee Island Park, closed to the city of Downing near Lord Island, Columbia County, Oregon. The site is in Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 3 West. Latitude and Longitude: 46.134235 North, 123.015685 West

**Waterway:** The Columbia River at river mile 62.7.

**Project Purpose:** To establish an in-water placement site for dredged material from the Port of Longview's facilities.

**Project Description:** The Port of Longview has submitted a request to modify their existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) permit, NWP-2000-39-3, to establish an in-water placement for dredged material in the Columbia River in Oregon State. The proposed site is approximately 26 acres (approximately 1,900 feet (ft) long and 600 ft wide) with a capacity of approximately 50,000 cubic yards (cy).

The existing Corps permit, NWP-2000-39-3 authorizes dredging of Port facilities. Material would be dredged by clamshell and placed on a bottom dump barge. The barge would transport the dredged material downriver to the proposed disposal site and would deposit the material by spreading it in a layer no more than 2 feet thick within the disposal site. The Port is currently authorized to place dredged material at Barlow Point in the Washington state side of the Columbia River at approximately river mile 62. Work would occur within approved in-water work windows to minimize impacts to aquatic resources.

**Dredged Material Testing:** The proposed dredged material were evaluated in accordance with the *Sediment Evaluation Framework for the Pacific Northwest* (SEF). The interagency Portland Sediment Evaluation Team (PSET) implements the SEF for the Corps Portland District. For the currently authorized project, the PSET has determined that sediments are suitable for unconfined, aquatic disposal and exposure.

The proposed project includes future maintenance dredging. Prior to each maintenance dredging cycle the applicant would be required to coordinate with the Corps and the PSET to determine if additional sediment testing is required.

**Mitigation:** The applicant did not propose compensatory mitigation in the permit application. The Corps will determine the type and amount of compensatory mitigation necessary to offset environmental losses from the proposed project.

**Drawings:** Two (2) drawings are attached and labeled Corps No.: NWP-2000-39-3. Copies of this public notice, which have been mailed or otherwise physically distributed, feature project drawings in black and white. The electronic version features those drawings in color, which we think more accurately illustrates the proposed project. To access the electronic version of this public notice, go to the Portland District website at <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/> and select Regulatory Branch Permit Information. At the Regulatory page select Regulatory Public Notices.

**Additional Information:** The proposed action is a modification to the Port's current permit, NWP-2000-39-3. If the proposed modification were to be approved, all other terms and conditions of the original permit remain in full force and effect.

**Authority:** The proposed project will be evaluated under the following:

Section 10, Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), for work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States.

Section 404, Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), for discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

**Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines:** The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act. The 404(b)(1) Guidelines are the substantive criteria used in evaluating discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. The source of the fill material would be maintenance dredged material from the Port of Longview. Dredged material has been evaluated as described in the above dredged material testing description.

**Water Quality Certification:** Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341) requires applicants to obtain a water quality certification for proposed discharges into waters of the United States. A permit for the described work will not be issued until certification has been issued or is waived from the certifying state. Attached is the state's notice for a water quality certification.

**Endangered Species:** Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C 1536) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or that may adversely modify designated critical habitat. The Corps' preliminary review indicates the described activity may affect an endangered or threatened species or designated critical habitat. The Corps will initiate consultation under Section 7 of the ESA. The Corps will complete the required consultation prior to finalizing a permit decision.

**Essential Fish Habitat:** Section 305(b)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) as amended (16 U.S.C 1855), requires Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The Corps' preliminary review indicates the described activity would adversely affect EFH at the project location or in the vicinity. The Corps will initiate consultation under Section 305(b)(2) of the MSA. The Corps will complete the required consultation prior to finalizing a permit decision.

**Historic Properties/Cultural Resources:** Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), requires Federal agencies to consult with the appropriate State and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer to take into account the effects of actions they undertake or permit on historic properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Corps' preliminary review indicates to the best of our knowledge, the described activity is not located on property registered or eligible for registration in the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places. At this time the Corps is unaware of any cultural resource surveys of the project area.

**State and Local Authorizations:** Washington State Department of Ecology issued a 401 Water Quality Certification for the existing Corps permit.

**Public Hearing:** Any person may request in writing within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity the reasons for holding a public hearing.

**Evaluation:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the described activity, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy

needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. Comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

**Submitting Comments:** Interested parties are invited to provide comments on the proposed project. Comments may be submitted by conventional mail or e-mail. All comments received will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would be contrary to the public interest.

Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the Corps reference number as shown on page 1 and include the commenter's name and address. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the Corps reference number. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

Additional information about the proposed project may be obtained from the Corps Project Manager listed below. All comments, whether by conventional mail or e-mail, must be received no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Comments should be submitted to the following mailing address or e-mail address:

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Regulatory Branch  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**  
**Water Quality 401 Certification**

**Notice Issued:** August 31, 2017  
**Written Comments Due:** October 2, 2017

**Corps of Engineers No:** NWP-2000-39-3  
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**WHO IS THE APPLICANT:** Port of Longview

**LOCATION OF CERTIFICATION ACTIVITY:** See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice.

**WHAT IS PROPOSED:** See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project.

**NEED FOR CERTIFICATION:** Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act requires applicants for Federal permits or licenses to provide the Federal agency a water quality certification from the State of Oregon if the proposed activity may result in a discharge to waters of the state.

**DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGES:** See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project.

**WHERE TO FIND DOCUMENTS:** Documents and materials related to water quality issues as a result of the proposal are available for examination and copying at Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, 401 Water Quality Certification Coordinator, Northwest Region, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232. Other project materials are available by contacting the Corps per the attached public notice.

Scheduling an appointment will ensure that water quality documents are readily accessible during your visit. To schedule an appointment please call DEQ Water Quality at Northwest Region at (503) 229-5263.

Any questions on the water quality certification process may be addressed to the 401 Program Coordinator at (503) 229-6030 or toll free within Oregon at (800) 452-4011. People with hearing impairments may call the Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service at 1-800-735-2900.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Public Hearing:** Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-48-0032 (2) states that “The Corps provides public notice of and opportunity to comment on the applications, including the application for certification, provided that the department (DEQ), in its discretion, may provide additional opportunity for public comment, including public hearing.”

**Written comments:**

Written comments on project elements related to water quality must be received at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality by 5 p.m. on the date specified in the upper right section on page one of this notice. Written comments may be emailed, mailed or faxed as described below:

Email - [401publiccomments@deq.state.or.us](mailto:401publiccomments@deq.state.or.us)

Mail - Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Northwest Region  
700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600  
Portland, Oregon 97232  
Attn: 401 Water Quality Certification Coordinator

Fax - (503) 229-6957

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:** DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the public comment period. Following this review, certification of the proposal may be issued as proposed, issued with conditions, or denied. You will be notified of DEQ's final decision if you submit comments during the comment period. Otherwise, if you wish to receive notification, please call or write DEQ at the above address.

**ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION:** This publication is available in alternate format (e.g. large print, Braille) upon request. Please contact DEQ Office of Communications and Outreach at (503) 229-5317 or toll free within Oregon at 1-800-452-4011 to request an alternate format. People with a hearing impairment can receive help by calling the Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service at 1-800-735-2900.